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1. (U) THE AMBIL TAMEL, JANUARY 17, PUBLISHED A PARTIAL  
TEXT OF FOREIGN MINISTER WA ID'S INTERVIEW WITH  
WASHINGTON POST WRITER ELIZABETH ABYMOUD. THE  
MINISTER'S RESPONSES PROVIDED NEW LANGUAGE AND IN  
SOME INSTANCES LED TO NEW DIRECTIONS ON THE  
SUBJECTS OF TAMEL'S CLAIM TO A MONOPOLY OF POWER,  
THE SOVIET-AFGHAN RELATIONSHIP IN A POST-WITHDRAWAL  
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AFGHANISTAN AND THE EVOLUTION AND EMERGENCE OF A NEW  
POLITICAL CONFIGURATION DURING THE WITHDRAWAL AND  
POST-WITHDRAWAL PHASE. SUMMARY OF THE MINISTER'S  
COMMENTS FOLLOW:

2. (U) CORROVED VISA: UN MEDIA CORROVED WILL  
VISIT "THE REGION" FROM JANUARY 15 TO THE 20TH.  
3. (U) THE PDPA AND POLITICAL POWER: AS THE

INITIATOR OF NATIONAL RECONCILIATION, THE PDPA WOULD  
BE THE ORGANIZER OF A NATIONAL PROCESS TO THE LEVEL  
OF COALITION GOVERNMENT AND WOULD REMAIN IN THE  
RANKS OF DEFENDING FUNDAMENTAL AND COMMON INTERESTS  
OF ALL AFGHANS...  
NATIONAL UNITY, WE TO NOT...  
POWER. FOLLOWING THE MAJOR, CONSTRUCTIVE STEPS WE  
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HAVE TAKEN IN GIVING UP MONOPOLY OF THE POLITICAL POWER, WE ARE ON THE THRESHOLD OF DETERMINING THE MOST DECISIVE STAGE OF THE DESTINY OF OUR PEOPLE. (COMMENT: THE "MAJOR CONSTRUCTIVE STEPS" SUPPOSEDLY TAKEN BY THE PDPA TO "GIVE UP MONOPOLY OF POLITICAL POWER" PRESUMABLY REFERS TO THE OFFERS OF 27 CABINET POSITS, AND POSSIBLY EVEN THE POSITION OF PRIME MINISTER, PREVIOUSLY MADE TO OTHER PARTIES. IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT THE PDPA WOULD IN THIS SCENARIO RETAIN THE KEY DEFENSE, INTERIOR, STATE SECURITY, AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS PORTFOLIOS. WAJIL APPEARS TO BE CLAIMING THAT THIS FORMULA, ALREADY REJECTED BY THE MUJAHIDEEN AND NEUTRAL AFGHAN FIGURES, CONSTITUTES RELINQUISHING A "MONOPOLY OF POLITICAL POWER." END COMMENT.)

4. SOVIET-AFGHAN RELATIONS AFTER WITHDRAWAL: WAJIL

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STATES THAT "WITH THE REALIZATION OF MR. WE VISTAS WOULD EMERGE FOR THE EXPANSION OF ECONOMIC, TECHNICAL, AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION AS WELL AS MULTIPARTISAN RELATIONS BETWEEN...AFGHANISTAN AND THE USSR."

"THE EXPANSION OF THE RELATIONS MEANS RESTRUCTURING OUR NATIONAL ECONOMY..." (A) NEW CHARACTERISTIC OF

OUR RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION WOULD...INCLUDE ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR PRIVATE SECTOR AND INSTITUTIONS OF THE SOVIET UNION. "THE NEW

PHASE WOULD REQUIRE THE CONSOLIDATION OF (SOVIET REPUBLIC TO AFGHAN PROVINCE) RELATIONS."

(COMMENT: WAJIL ENVISAGES A TIGHTENING SOVIET EMERAGE EVEN AFTER WITHDRAWAL. END COMMENT.)

5. EMERGENCE OF A NEW POLITICAL SYSTEM: "COMMENTING

ON THE PIPE DREAM OF ZIA-JI-HAQ ON THE DIVISION OF FUTURE POWER IN AFGHANISTAN, WAJIL NOTES, "FOREIGN POWERS DO NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO DIVIDE POWER IN OUR COUNTRY. AND THERE SHOULD BE NO DOUBT THAT NATIONAL RECONCILIATION AND FORMATION OF A COALITION GOVERNMENT ARE CONDUCTED AMONG AFGHANS THEMSELVES. ...WE WON'T PERMIT OTHERS TO INTERFERE IN OUR NATIONAL DIALOGUE AND THUS SLACKEN THE PROCESS OF PEACE." (COMMENT:

WAJIL APPEARS INTENT ON PRECLUDING ANY ATTEMPT TO LINK THE GENEVA ACCORDS WITH A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT, INSISTING THAT ANY COALITION BE THE PRODUCT OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE REGIME AND ITS OPPONENTS.

WAJIL APPEARS TO INDICATE PDPA UNWILLINGNESS TO ALLOW AFGHANISTAN, OR ANYONE ELSE, TO INTERFERE IN THE DIALOGUE. ITS PUTATIVE "DIALOGUE" WITH THE MUJAHIDEEN, OF COURSE, WITHDRAWAL IS UNDERWAY. THE MUJAHIDEEN, OF COURSE,

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CONTINUE TO REFLECT DIRECT OR INDIRECT DIALOGUE WITH  
THE PIPA. END COMMENT)

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